

proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6198, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6198) to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 6198) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

THIRD HIGHER EDUCATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6138, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6138) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 6138) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

TO EXTEND THE WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6106, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6106) to extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under title IV, section 105, Public Law 109-148.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, a motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 6106) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6197 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6197) to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill.

FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, today I would like to talk about a very important piece of legislation sent over by the House of Representatives to the Senate last night. The Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006 will reauthorize the vital programs to assist the quickly growing elder population. During the reauthorization it became apparent that the elderly population is growing more quickly in certain areas than others. This was highlighted in newspaper articles this week and has been a key issue for my colleague from North Carolina.

In light of this, I propose that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions hold hearings during the coming Congress to review formulas for federal programs and how those formulas are developed to determine the fair and equitable distribution of funds. The committee will focus its attention on how funds must follow the people and the need. In other words, how do we make sure that federal monies are going to the areas of greatest need which are in many instances the fast growing areas of our country and how do we eliminate inequities in funding that exist under current formulas and which in many instances disadvantage high-growth states. Finally, I propose that the committee begin its reauthorization of the Older Americans Act no later than 3 years after the passage of this bill.

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I thank the chairman of the HELP Committee and strongly support his proposals to focus the attention of the committee on how formulas for federal programs, like the Older Americans Act, are developed. The money should follow the people and their need. With respect to the Older Americans Act, I represent the seventh fastest growing state in the Nation and among that growing population is a quickly growing elderly population. The funds from this act are vital to supporting the services and infrastructure to assist North Carolina to serve our elderly population today and in the future. I also thank the chairman for addressing the next reau-

thorization within the 3 years after we pass this bill before us.

Mr. ENZI. I would like to thank my colleague from North Carolina for his support of our bill. He was very important in the drafting of this legislation. I urge my colleagues to support us in this important legislation for our growing elderly population and to work with Senator BURR and me, in the coming Congress, to ensure that federal funds follow the need and their intended recipients.

Mr. President, I rise today in support of the passage of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006. I am pleased at the support that this bill has received in the Senate and in the House. I especially want to thank Senator KENNEDY, the ranking member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. In particular, I thank Senator DEWINE, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging. Senator DEWINE provided immeasurable leadership in the passage of these amendments, as did Senator MIKULSKI, the subcommittee ranking member. In addition, I thank the members of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce for their diligence in moving forward with this legislation: Representative BUCK MCKEON, Chairman; Representative GEORGE MILLER, ranking member; Representative PATRICK J. TIBERI, chairman of the Subcommittee on Select Education; and Representative RUBÉN HINOJOSA, subcommittee ranking member.

The Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006 is the primary source for the delivery of social and nutrition services for older individuals. Enacted in 1965, the act's programs include supportive services, congregate and home-delivered nutrition services, community service employment, the long-term care ombudsman program, and services to prevent the abuse, neglect and exploitation of older individuals. The act also provides grants to Native Americans and research, training, and demonstration activities.

Title I of the Older Americans Act sets broad social policy objectives to improve the lives of all older Americans. It recognizes the need for an adequate income in retirement, and the importance of physical and mental health, employment in community services for older individuals and long-term care services.

Title II establishes the Administration on Aging, AOA, within the Department of Health and Human Services to be the primary Federal advocate for older individuals and to administer the provision of the Older Americans Act. It also establishes the National Eldercare Locator Service to provide nationwide information with regard to resources for older individuals; the National Long-term Care Ombudsman Resource Center; the National Center on Elder Abuse; the National Aging Information Center; and the Pension Counseling and Information Program. The